Renegotiating the wheat import agreement with US

1407. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to renegotiate the wheat import agreement with the US;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether such a step is likely to increase the price of imported wheat in view of firming up of global wheat prices; and

(d) if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) There is no such proposal under consideration.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Safe stock for food security

†1408. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken decision to create safe stocks to ensure food safety in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that recently Government decision to increase quantity of sugar in its buffer stock was in view of protection of sugar industry;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the total additional amount requirement of Government due to above decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Food stocks are maintained by the Central Government to meet the prescribed minimum buffer stock norms for food security in the country.

The existing buffer stock norms applicable for foodgrains (Rice and Wheat) are as given below:—

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.